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THE ULTIMATES

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FEBRUARY
2005
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PENITENTIARY
One year to life?
But I'm only 15!
It's actually very progressive.
You could be out in as soon as one year! Previously, this would have carried a mandatory five-year sentence!
But I don't even know what I've been convicted of!
Well, neither do I. But convicted you were. It was an administrative trial.
I don't really know the details. I'm not a lawyer.
B-b-but--
Look, I don't want to get into a whole "discussion" about it, okay? I'm just here to tell you what's happening.
Carl Lucas "Luke" Cage... you're going away for a while.
Tsk. Don't look so glum. It's just one year. You'll be out before you know it.

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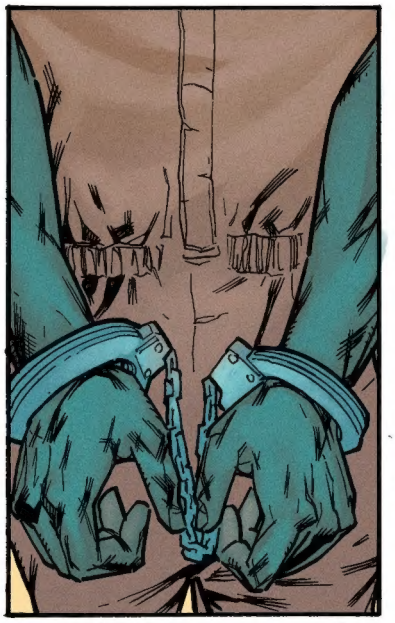
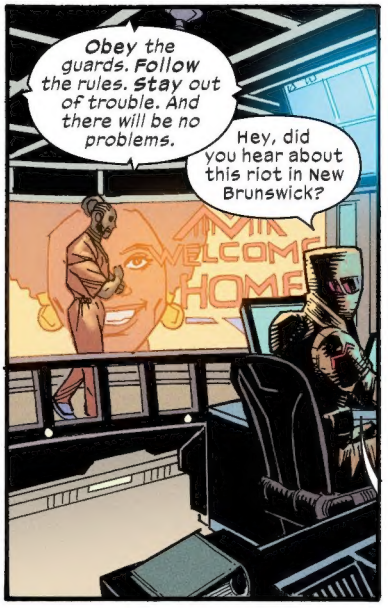


[Lucas Cage.] Welcome to Gordium Correctional Facility, a Midas Group Penitentiary specializing in the for-profit-prison space.

Just a reminder: Your global citizenship has been officially revoked. Inside these walls, you do not have rights of any kind.


Obey the guards. Follow the rules. Stay out of trouble. And there will be no problems.
Hey, did you hear about this riot in New Brunswick?

They're trying to keep it hush-hush, but I heard the inmates are still in control of the facility.
Midas is proud to keep costs down and our community safe.
God. That's the second facility this year.

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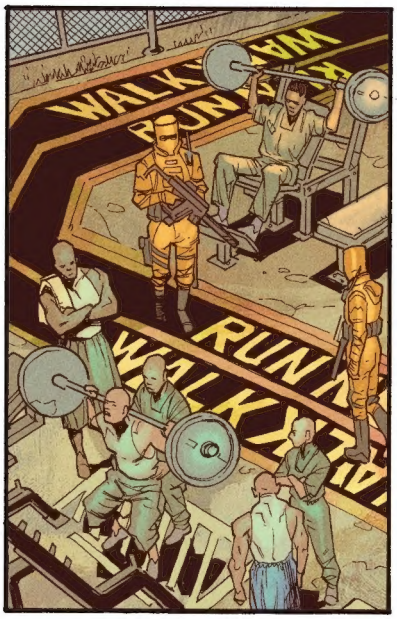

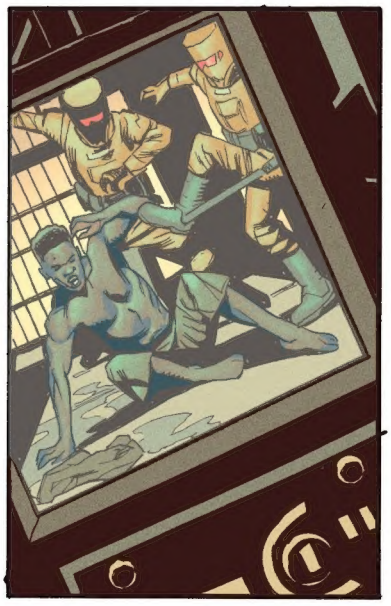

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Listen, man, thanks for the *help,* but...word of advice from someone who's been here a while?
Mind your own business and watch your own back. Because no one's gonna watch it for you.

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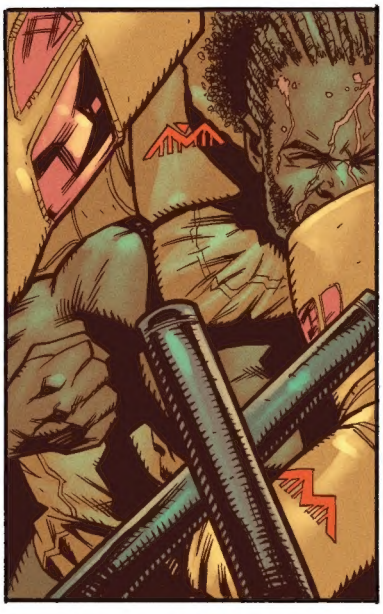

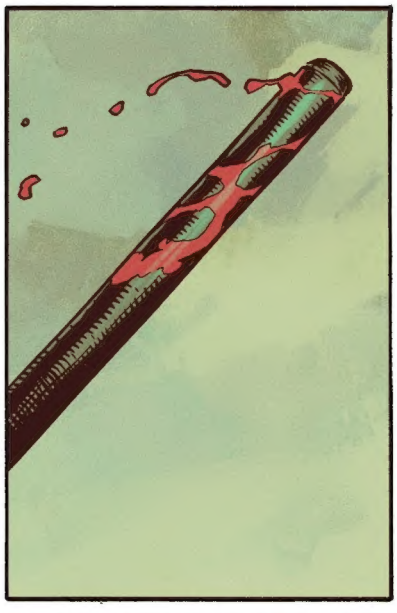

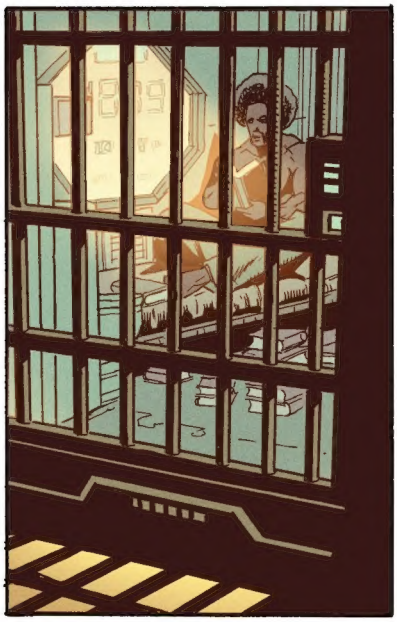

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GORDIUM CORRECTIONAL FACILITY
Here at Gordium, we're innovating our way to a better tomorrow!
One of Midas' many innovations in the penal space is our mandatory worker-employment program.
What is happening here is modern-day slavery, nothing less.
Inmates have a chance to learn useful skills, and Midas subsidiaries have access to an almost inexhaustible pool of labor.
Slavery is social death. It is to be forever cut off from your context and community. It is to have never been born.
They have made us into non-people. Explicitly.
The Midas way is the right way.
They say it's about justice. They say it's about the law.
It's not about any of that [redacted].
So what's it all about?
It's about power, man.

FEBRUARY
2014
SEAGATE
PENITENTIARY

We hear you're a real go-getter, Cage! Forming your own prison gang...

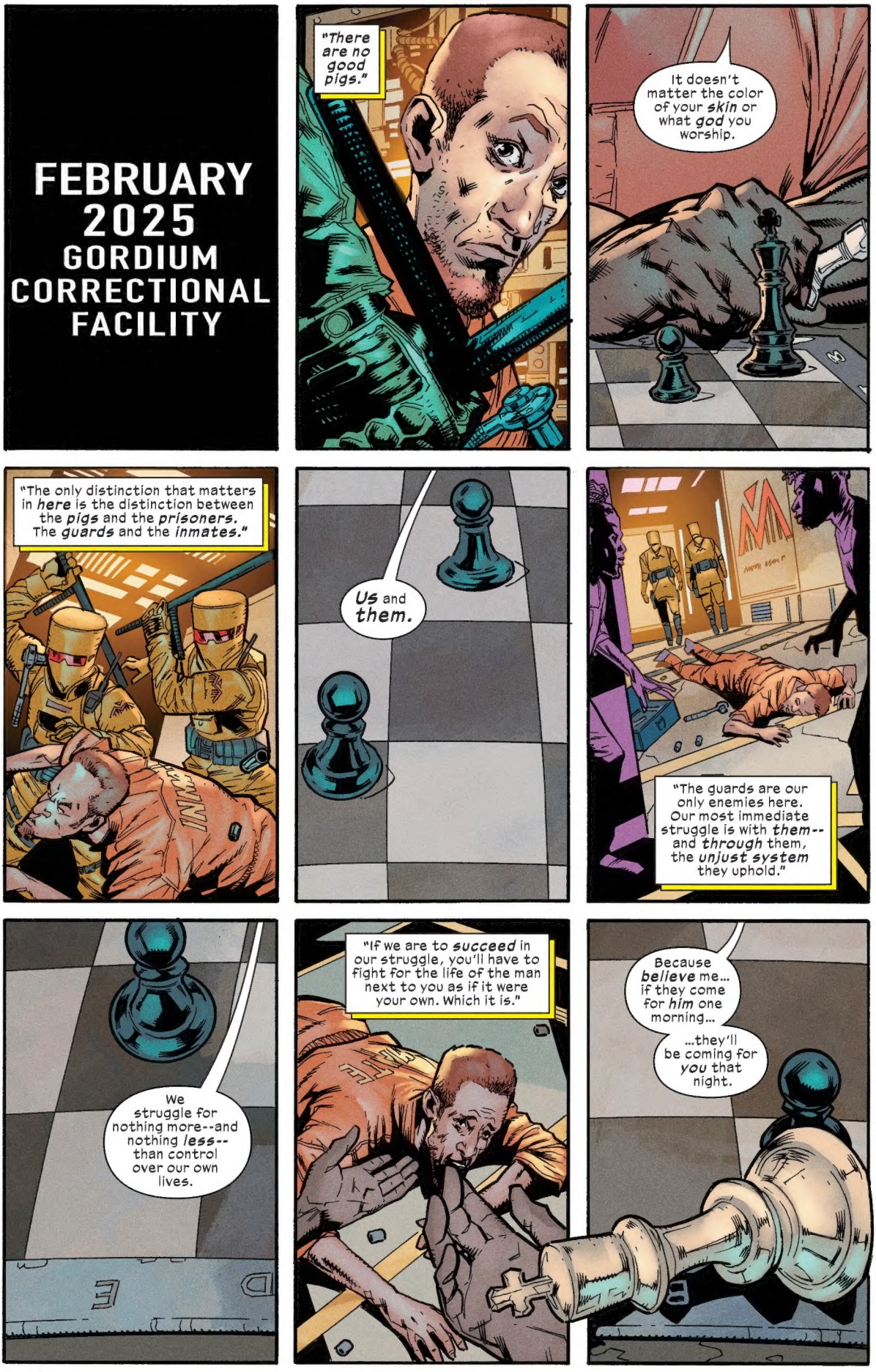
It's just a reading gr--ugh!!!

[redacted]

You're a troublemaker. A dangerous element.
It's in your file.

It's been in your file since you were born.

Stupid convicts ~~shuffle~~ never learn.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"There are no good pigs."
It doesn't matter the color of your skin or what god you worship.
"The only distinction that matters in here is the distinction between the pigs and the prisoners. The guards and the inmates."
Us and them.
"The guards are our only enemies here. Our most immediate struggle is with them-- and through them, the unjust system they uphold."
We struggle for nothing more--and nothing less-- than control over our own lives.
"If we are to succeed in our struggle, you'll have to fight for the life of the man next to you as if it were your own. Which it is."
Because believe me... if they come for him one morning...
...they'll be coming for you that night.

JANUARY
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PENITENTIARY
How many times does that make in the infirmary for Cage since he got here?
CRACKLLLE
I lost count. He musta broke every bone in his body a dozen times by now!
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They say he's unbreakable.
"[redacted]. No one's unbreakable."

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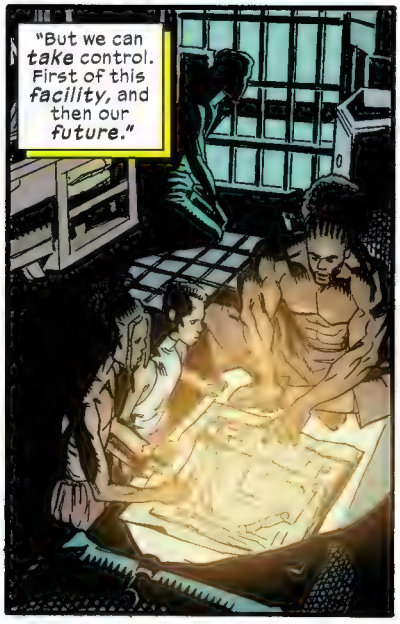

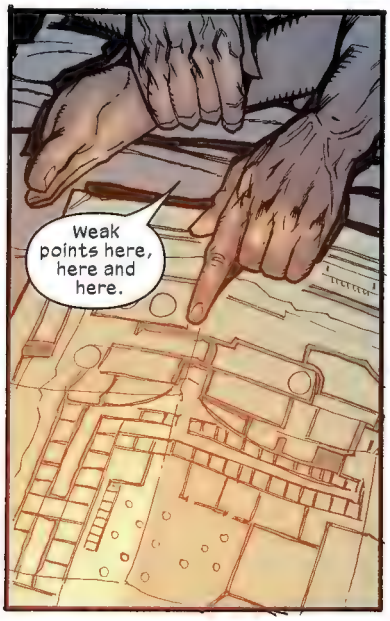

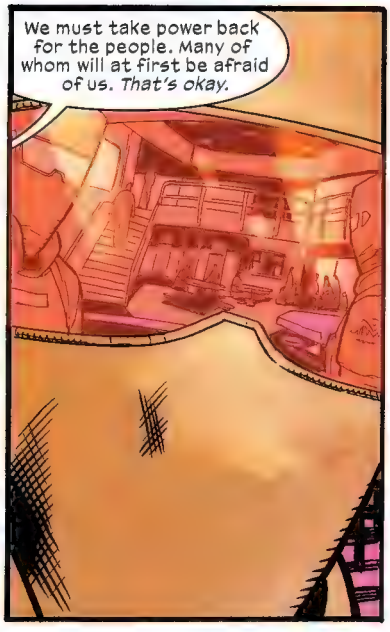

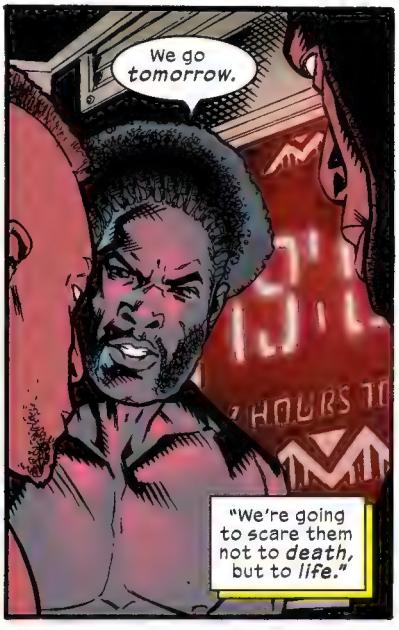

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Cage...
Luke Cage...
...this is for you.
...ionic catalyst that will allow you to gain unbreakable skin and unbelievable strength...
...exercise in creating a society that could be perfectly directed and controlled...
...together, we will free the world.
CAGE

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Just because you break a law doesn't make you a criminal. And you don't have to break a law to *be* a criminal.
A criminal is just something you *are.*

PLEASE STAY STILL
Something you *were.* See, in cases like this--*attempted escapes, failed riots*--it's strict Midas policy to use *lethal force.* To discourage recidivism.
I wouldn't be doing my job if I didn't fill you with holes, *convict.*

JANUARY
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They stole your future.
Robbed you of your destiny.
Do you want it back?

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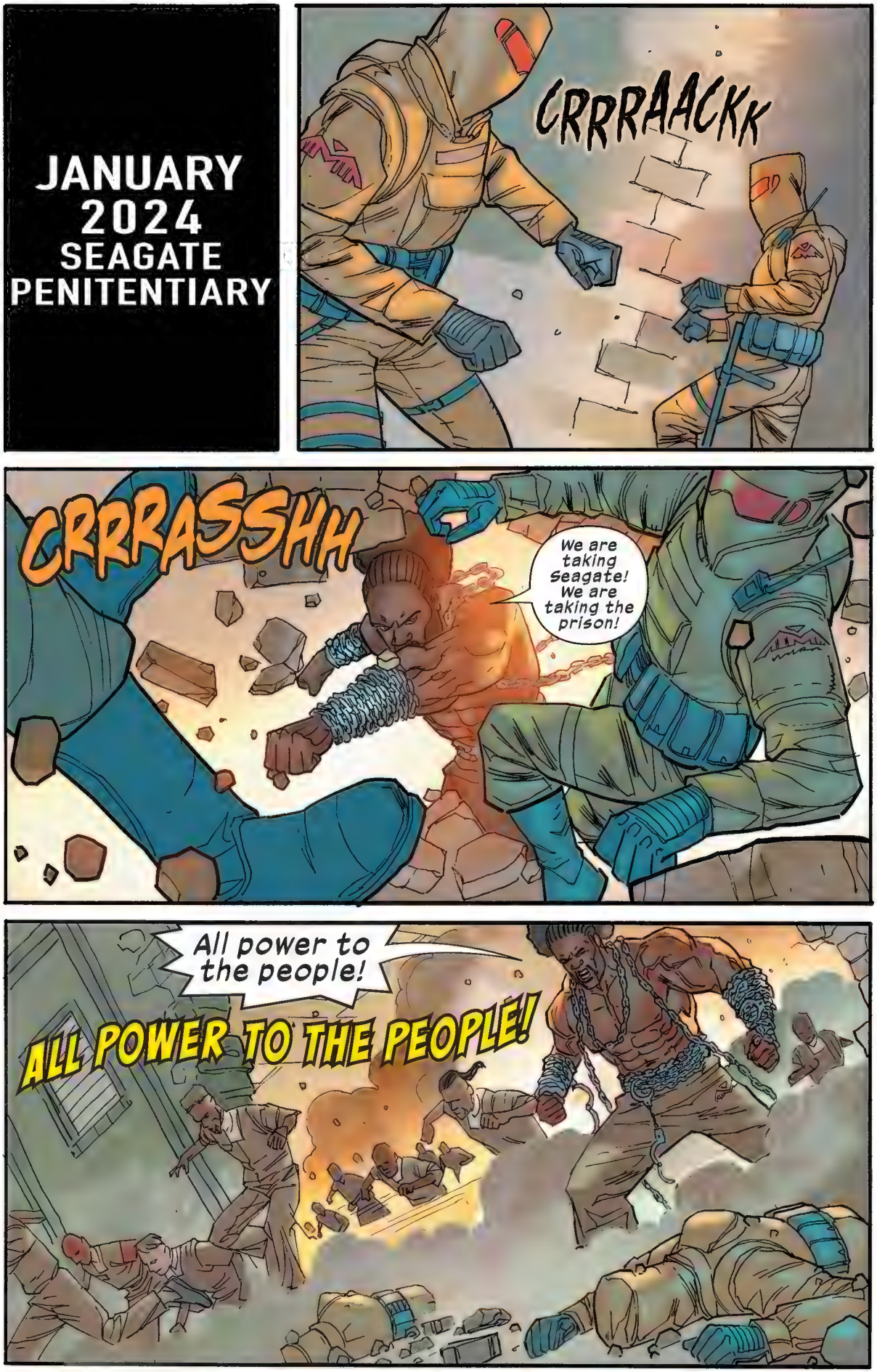
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CRRRASSHH
We are taking Seagate! We are taking the prison!
All power to the people!
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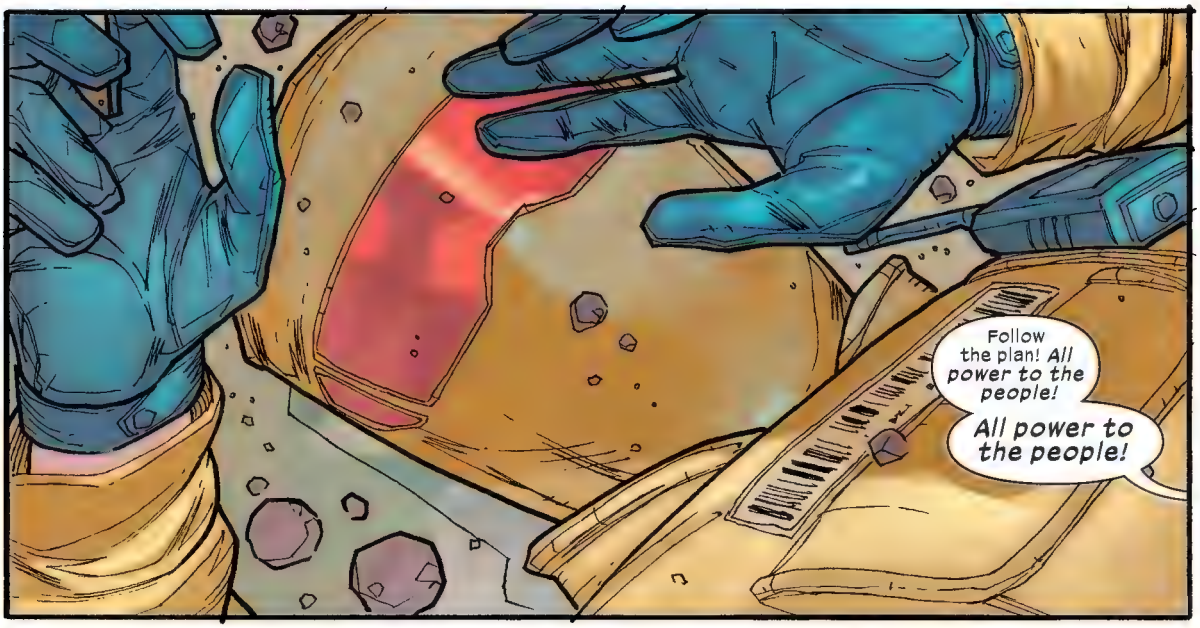

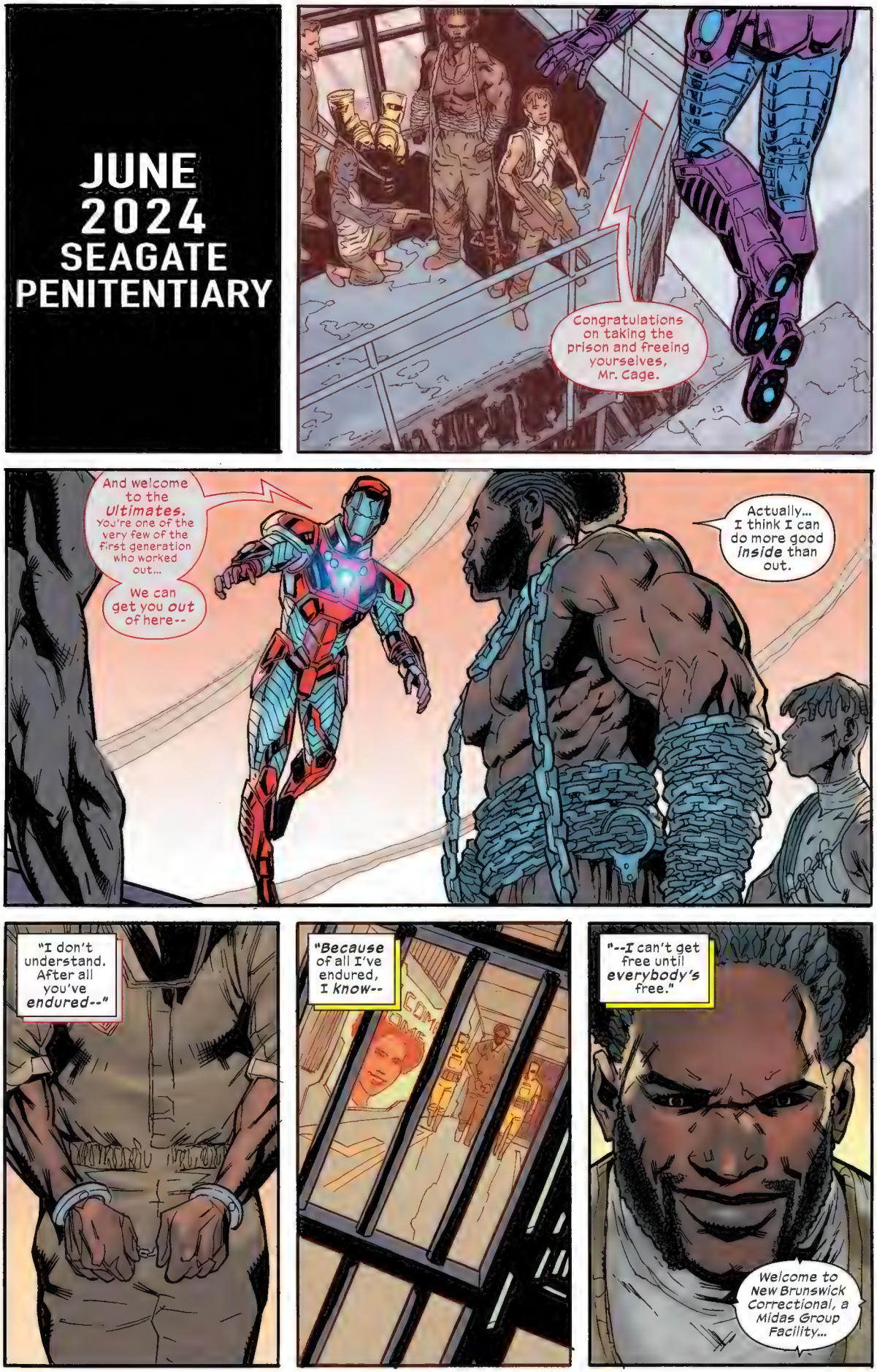
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Congratulations on taking the prison and freeing yourselves, Mr. Cage.
And welcome to the *Ultimates.* You're one of the very few of the first generation who worked out...
We can get you *out* of here--
Actually... I think I can do more good *inside* than out.
"I don't understand. After all you've *endured--*"
"*Because* of all I've endured, I *know--*
"*--I* can't get free until *everybody's* free."
Welcome to New Brunswick Correctional, a Midas Group Facility...

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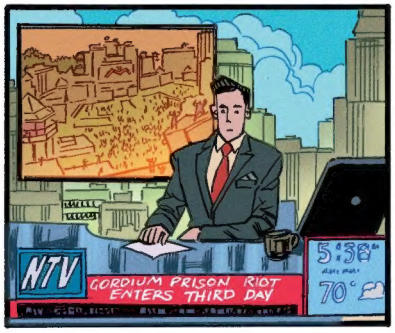
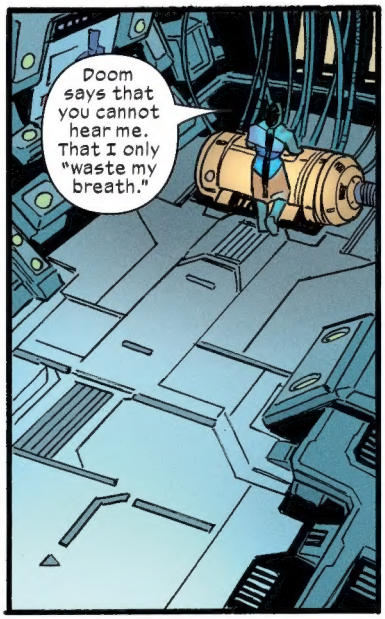
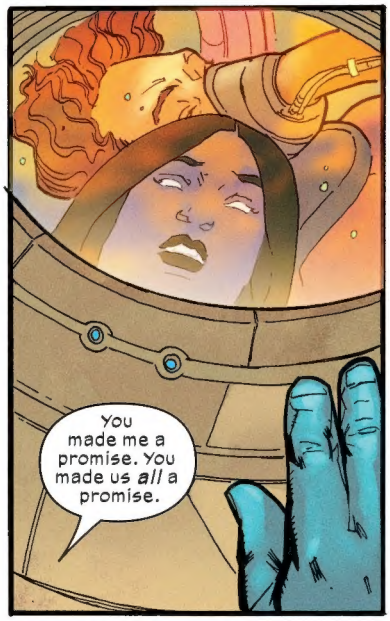
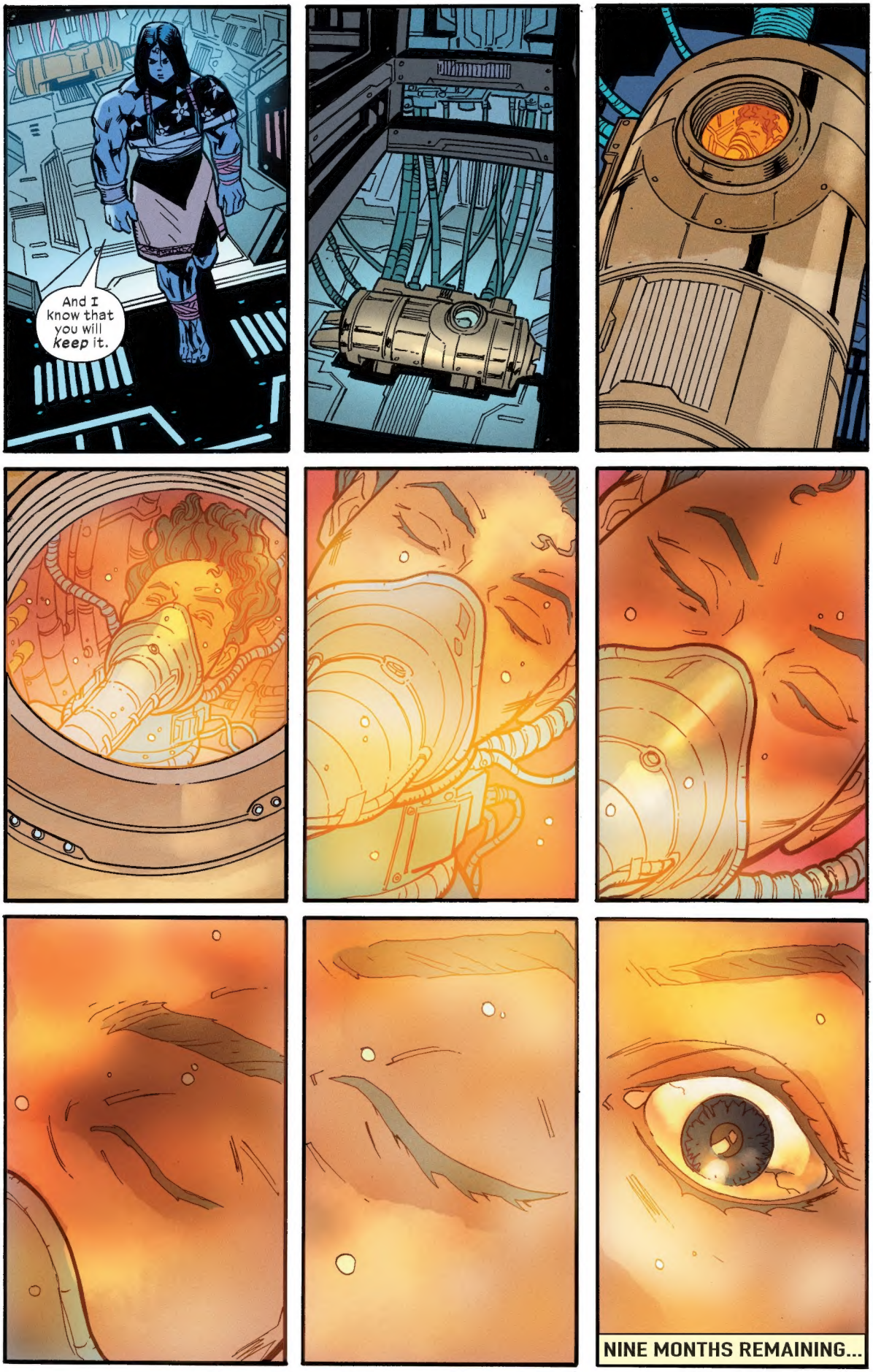




I wanted to tell you... whatever you are feeling, Tony. Whatever *pain,* whatever *torment.* Whatever desire to *escape.*
Stay strong. It will *pass.*

I know. When I began my...*transformation,* I spent *weeks* listening to my bones *break* and *re-form,* my flesh tear itself apart and grow back. *Again* and *again...*
I threw up my own lungs, felt new organs grow and rearrange themselves inside me. *My belly was a pit of snakes and agony.*




And I know that you will keep it.
NINE MONTHS REMAINING...

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